

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority

306-01-Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Capital Contribution

Fund: 306, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority	
Total Expenditures	\$2,250,000
Revenue:	
General Fund Support	\$0
Bond Revenue	\$2,250,000
Other Revenue	\$0
Total Revenue	\$2,250,000

► Summary of Program

This program supports Fairfax County's annual capital contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA). The NVRPA was created in 1959 to provide a system of regional parks in the Northern Virginia area. The NVRPA currently operates 19 regional parks and administers extensive regional historic and conservation properties throughout Northern Virginia. These community resources are supported primarily from the annual contributions of its member jurisdictions: the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, and Arlington, and the cities of Fairfax, Alexandria, and Falls Church.

This program is supported by General Obligation bonds approved by the votes on November 3, 1998. The total amount approved at this referendum was \$12.0 million. The Board of Supervisors adopted a plan to sustain a County contribution to the NVRPA for six years at a rate of \$1.5 million per year for two years and \$2.25 million per year for four years.

► Funding Availability and Future Considerations

The NVRPA has identified projects that require \$20-25 million in funding over a five-year period. Of those projects, \$10 million is reserved for renovations and approximately \$10-15 million is reserved for new park facilities. Most projects, except for those deemed essential, are currently on hold. In recent years, program funding has been restricted to major renovation projects, such as replacing roofs, roads, parking lots, and refurbishing restrooms, projects to comply with mandates such as ADA requirements, and other essential projects.

The November 3, 1998 approved bonds of \$12.0 million will sustain the County's contribution to the NVRPA for six years. FY 2002 represents the fourth year of this six-year program. Current approved bond funding will extend through FY 2004. In FY 2004 a new bond referendum is planned for an additional \$12.0 million.

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► **Funding Methodology**

A lump sum annual contribution is provided to the NVRPA for capital projects. Project allocations are determined by the NVRPA. It should be noted that the County also provides an annual contribution for operating expenses through Fund 119, Contributory Fund.

► **Status of Program**

This program is managed by the NVRPA. Payments are made to the NVRPA on a quarterly basis.